



## III MEF Support Battalion Command Team's Safety Policy Statement



Safety begins and ends with **engaged leadership, operational excellence, and preparation for combat**. Our unique mission requires we continuously reinforce the importance of safety and risk management, and recognize these factors as essential elements inherent in a successful organization. A culture of safety is a team effort and the responsibility of every member of this command.

Whether on or off duty, at home, or on liberty, our professionalism, and pursuit of operational excellence demands that safe and sound practices are followed.

Safety is built on four pillars and must be applied to our daily activities on and off duty:

- **Policy and Leadership** - At the most fundamental level, correct policy matched with leader engagement will create the reporting culture required to improve readiness and prevent mishaps.
- **Risk Management** - Leaders must embed the Risk Management process into day-to-day operations, deliberate planning processes, and most importantly into the mindset Marines and Sailors apply to warfighting.
- **Safety Assurance** - The evaluation, review, and monitoring of activities to ensure all elements of the Marine Corps Safety Management System are being implemented, and guide continuous improvement efforts.
- **Safety Promotion and Training** - The communication, training, and other actions that create a positive safety culture across the battalion.

Our success depends on capable and competent actions of aggressive individuals working together as a team to accomplish the mission. As stewards of the Nation's most important resource – its sons and daughters – we must effectively manage risk. Sergeant Major and I need every Marine, Sailor, and civilian to be a Safety Officer, and stop or correct any unsafe activity. Any questions regarding the battalion safety program can be addressed by the III MSB Safety Officer at DSN 623-1527.

Remember to be proud of who you are, what you are capable of, and what you represent.

**Semper Fidelis,**

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